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SUBJ: LUNCHEON WITH THE SOVIETS

1. AMBASSADOR WAS HOST AT LUNCH AT RESIDENCE JUNE 10 FOR
SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF BOTH EMBASSIES.
BERN 540 REPORTED LAST SUCH GATHERING, HELD AT SOVIET
EMBASSY FEB 9, 1977.

2. TONE THROUGHOUT WAS CORDIAL AND RELAXED. AS AT
PREVIOUS EVENT, THERE WERE ALMOST NO ALLUSIONS TO CON-
TROVERSIAL TOPICS AND SOVIETS MADE NO EFFORT TO PURSUE
MATTERS IN DISPUTE BETWEEN US AND USSR. RECIPROCAL
TOASTS STRESSED FRIENDSHIP OF, AND NEED FOR POSITIVE
COOPERATION BETWEEN, PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. ONE SOVIET COUNSELOR WHO HAD SERVED IN TEL AVIV IN 1960S
NOTED THAT SOVIET-ISRAEL RELATIONS ARE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT NOW.
SAME COUNSELOR SAID THAT AT TIME OF MONETARY CRISIS IN 1971,
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT EMBASSY BERN (BELVIN BLAKE) WAS
ONLY PERSON HE ENCOUNTERED (INCLUDING OFFICERS AT SOVIET
BANK IN ZURICH) WHO COULD OFFER UNDERSTANDABLE EXPLANATION
OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

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4. SOVIETS ASKED ABOUT CSCE AND WHETHER WE COULD COMMENT
ON NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION. ON CSCE, WE RESPONDED BY DRAWING
ON PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF CSCE GOALS. ON NEW SOVIET
CONSTITUTION, WE SAID WE HAD SEEN WESTERN PRESS REPORTS
BASED ON SOME PARTS OF IT BUT WOULD PREFER NOT TO COMMENT
UNTIL WE HAD SEEN MORE DETAILED AND COMPLETE ANALYSES.

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